

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-55 are pending in the application, with 1, 12, 22, 31 and 39 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 12, 22, 31 and 39 are sought to be amended. Claims 56-66 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected the claims as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,973,476 to Naden *et al.* Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, Applicant has accommodated the rejection by amending independent claims 1, 12, 22, 31 and 39. Applicant respectfully asserts that Naden does not teach or suggest the claimed invention as recited in the amended claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

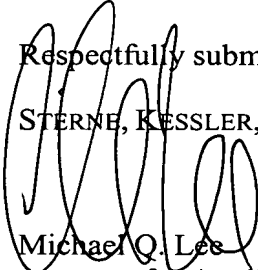
All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the

Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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